

HELPFUL NUMBERS

Emergency	911
Fire (non-emergency)	617-349-4900
Police (non-emergency)	617-349-3300
Fire/Police TTY (non-emergency)	617-499-9924

*The above three numbers ring into the City’s **Combined Emergency Communications and 911 Center** (ECC) that manages the dispatch of police, fire, EMS and other resources. The ECC also handles non-emergency calls for police, fire and after-hours City information.

Emergency Management Dept. **617-349-4842**
This department helps plan and coordinate the City’s response to disasters, working closely with local, state and federal agencies to assist residents affected by disaster.

OTHER RESOURCES

Copies of various Emergency Preparedness materials prepared by local and federal agencies can be picked up at Cambridge City Hall or you may call the Cambridge Emergency Management Department at 617-349-4842. These documents can also be viewed on the **City’s Web Site:** www.cambridgema.gov.

Other Helpful Web Sites:

U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security:
www.dhs.gov/dhspublic/

www.ready.gov/

American Red Cross: www.redcross.org

Centers for Disease Control: www.cdc.gov

Environmental Protection Agency: www.epa.gov

Federal Emergency Management Agency:
www.fema.gov

Mass. Emergency Mgt. Agency:
www.mass.gov/mema

Dept. of Health and Human Services:
<http://www.hhs.gov/disasters/index.shtml>

CitizenCorps: <http://www.citizencorps.gov/>

Cambridge Public Health Dept. **617-665-3800**
This department works closely with other public safety agencies to prepare for biological and other public health threats and will often set up information lines in response to an incident.

Cambridge Public Schools	617-349-6400
Recorded School Information Line	617-349-6513


City of Cambridge Switchboard	617-349-4000
City TTY Number	617-492-0235
City Manager’s Office	617-349-4300
Public Works Department	617-349-4800

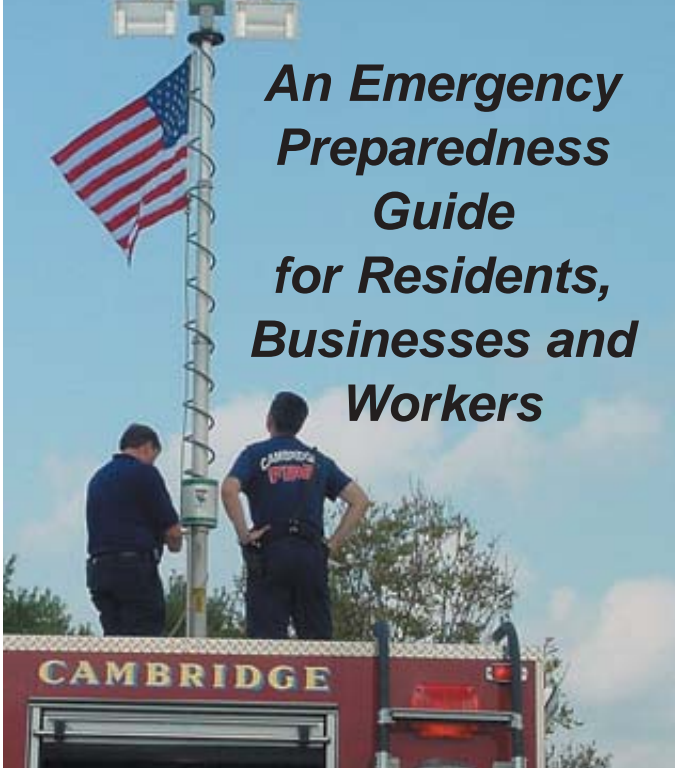


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An Emergency Preparedness Guide for Residents, Businesses and Workers

Staying Safe In Cambridge



City of Cambridge

Dear Cambridge Residents,
Businesses and Workers:

There is no doubt that the tragedies of September 11, 2001, have forever impacted us all and we no longer take our safety for granted.

In these uncertain times, I want to assure you that the City of Cambridge and its public safety agencies are working together and with state and federal agencies to provide City personnel with the specialized training and equipment needed to respond to potential biological and terrorist incidents.

In Cambridge we are very fortunate to have one of only three hazardous materials teams in the state - the City of Boston and the State have the other two.

We have prepared this brochure as a public service to answer questions you may have on how to be better prepared for a potential incident in the future.

Though there are no guarantees that we can prevent all acts of terrorism, please rest assured that we will continue to do all that we can to ensure the safety of our community. The public health and safety of our community have always been, and will continue to be our highest priority.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

HOW YOU CAN PREPARE

You can prepare for a potential terrorist attack in much the same way you would for a blizzard that could knock out electricity and confine you to your home. The American Red Cross recommends putting together a Disaster Supplies Kit and a Family Disaster Plan.

DISASTER SUPPLIES KIT

In addition to preparing a home disaster kit, place supplies needed for an evacuation in an easy to carry container. These supplies are marked with an asterisk.



Water*

- One gallon per person per day (for drinking and food preparation/sanitation) in plastic containers.
- Stock at least a three-day supply per person.



Food*

- Three-day supply of non-perishable food that requires no cooking, refrigeration or water, (i.e. canned meats, vegetables, fruits, soup, juices, cereal, cookies, candy, crackers, vitamins).
- Food for infants or persons on special diets.



First Aid Kit *

- Assemble a basic kit for home and car. (Include antiseptic, soap, bandages, gauze, tape, scissors, latex gloves, needle, tweezers, sunscreen, aspirin/pain reliever, antacid, anti-diarrhea, etc.)



Clothing and Bedding

- One complete change of clothing per person
- Sturdy Shoes,* thermal underwear
- Rain gear, hats, gloves*
- Blankets or Sleeping Bags*



Tools and Supplies

- Basic Tools (hammer, pliers, wrench)
- Battery-Operated Radio with spare batteries*
- Flashlight with spare batteries*
- Cash/Traveler’s Checks*
- Can Opener (non-electric), Utility Knife
- Compass/Map (know shelter locations)
- Chlorine Bleach/Disinfectant (plain)
- Fire Extinguisher
- Plastic plates, cups, utensils, garbage bags*
- Masking Tape/Plastic Sheetting
- Signal Flare, Whistle



Special Items

- Infant diapers, bottles/formula, medication*
- Soap, toilet paper, Personal hygiene items*
- Prescription/Special Medication*
- Contact Lenses/Eye Glasses/Dentures
- Matches (in waterproof container)
- Important Personal Documents (in waterproof container, include Passport/Birth Certificate, wills, account numbers, household inventory).
- Games and Books
- Smoke Detectors (check batteries regularly)
- Make sure car gas tank is at least half full

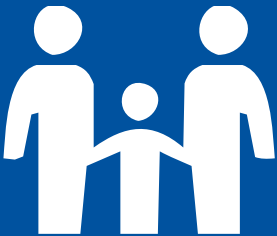
WHAT CAMBRIDGE
IS DOING TO PREPARE

The Cambridge Emergency Communications, Emergency Management, Fire, Police and Public Health Departments have always worked closely together and communicated regularly to operate a collaborative public safety effort in Cambridge. Members of our agencies also serve on the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) established in 1987. The LEPC has planned for and would help coordinate a regional emergency response of area public safety agencies if needed.

In the event of a major power or other communications outage, Cambridge has its own sophisticated radio communications system with sufficient mobile and portable radios so Cambridge Police, Fire, public safety and other emergency personnel will be able to reliably communicate with each other, as well as with local, state and federal public safety agencies.

In collaboration with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the Cambridge Police Department has developed a very specific set of threat alert response protocols that will be activated accordingly.

In Cambridge we are fortunate enough to have our own water supply system separate from the MWRA system which could provide water for 2-3 days without power. If there should be a problem with our water system, we could access the MWRA system almost immediately.



CREATE A
FAMILY
DISASTER
PLAN

Plan how your family would stay in contact if separated by disaster, or if you can’t return home for some reason.

- Meet with your family and discuss potential disasters and how to prepare/respond.
- Learn about your child’s School Disaster Plans.
- Post emergency numbers by every phone.
- Identify a meeting location near your home if you can’t return home.
- Identify an alternate location if you can’t return to the area.
- Identify an out-of-state friend or relative as a contact person for everyone to call.
- Learn first aid/CPR from American Red Cross.
- Meet with your neighbors to discuss potential disasters.